

Beaver County  
Beaver, UT 84713  
December 6, 2004

The Board of County Commissioners met on December 6, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for its regularly scheduled meeting. Those present were William L. Dalton, Chairman; Mark S. Whitney, Member; Patrick R. Yardley, Member; Von J. Christiansen, Attorney; Bryan L. Harris, Commission Assistant; and Paul B. Barton, Clerk/Auditor.

Minutes of the November 8 & 22, 2004 meetings were read. It was moved by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Whitney and unanimously passed to approve the minutes.

Afton Kesler met with the Board to discuss concerns re: the bookmobile. She stated her reasons for retaining the bookmobile service in the county. The Board has already sent a letter to the State of Utah discontinuing the service effective January 1, 2005. The Board stated that this issue had been studied for two years and Beaver City, Milford City and Minersville Town had sent letters supporting the decision to cancel the service.

Jesse Riker, Dave Marshall, Reed Dalton and Craig Davis met with the Board to discuss an issue re: roads in the Mountain Skies Estates subdivision. There is a question on the dedication of the roads. Mr. Harris will check the status of the roads and have the Road Department check on snow removal and additional gravel in the problem areas.

The Board met with Service District #5 Board to discuss the distribution of the mineral lease funds. Those present were Shawn Griffiths, Jeff Wiseman, Janet Bradshaw, Jack McMullin, Ron Bird, Ken Vetsch and Ken Hinton. The District is concerned about the Board's decision to take the mineral lease funds and put them into a new Transportation District. It was the consensus of all in attendance for District #5 to keep the mineral lease funds at least through the year 2006 with a review date on the issue in October, 2005. The District will also provide a financial status report at the end of each year.

Shad Bradshaw met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Beaver Justice Court.

Gilbert Yardley met with the Board to discuss maintenance of county roads. Mr. Yardley thanked the Board for all the work the Road Department has done on maintaining the roads. Mr. Yardley requested assistance in grading a road west of the Laho road near Dead Horse Point. Mr. Yardley will review the requests with Mr. Harris and the County Road Department.

Max Limb met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Assessor's office.

Bruce Brown met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Recorder's office.

Craig Davis met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Building & Zoning Department.

LeeAnn Carter met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Treasurer's office.

Mark Nelson and Pearl Philipps met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Extension Service.

Linda Noyes met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the County Fair. Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Philipps were present for the discussion.

Maureen Verhaeren met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for Information Technology.

Doug Erickson met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Road Department.

Sheriff Ken Yardley and Lt. Keith Draper met with the Board to discuss the 2005 budget request for the Corrections and Sheriff Departments.

Mr. Christiansen discussed the 2005 budget request with the Board.

#### Budget Hearing - 7:00 P.M.

A public hearing was opened for comment at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to allow the citizens to comment on the 2005 tentative operating budget for Beaver County. Those attending the hearing were Sheriff Ken Yardley and Comm-Elect Chad W. Johnson. All those attending were given an opportunity to comment. The hearing was closed for comment at 7:40 p.m. The decision on the final budget was tabled to a special meeting to be held on December 27, 2005.

Bills on file were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

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Clerk/Auditor

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The Board of County Commissioners met on December 27, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. for a special meeting. Those present were William L. Dalton, Chairman; Mark S. Whitney, Member; Patrick R. Yardley, Member; Von J. Christiansen, Attorney; Bryan L. Harris, Commission Assistant; and Paul B. Barton, Clerk/Auditor.

A public hearing was opened for comment at 10:00 a.m. for the establishment of Special Service District #7. The purpose of the district is for transportation. Those present were members of the Board, Mr. Christiansen, Mr. Harris, Mr. Barton, Carl Maples, Brian Mauldwin and Bob Cook. Mr. Maples asked about potential levies, the effect of the new district on road agreements with Circle Four Farms. The hearing was closed at 10:10 a.m. The 15 day waiting period begins today.

Mr. Christiansen discussed an issue with the Board on working hours with one of his employees. The Board stated that Mr. Christiansen has the authority to supervise the employees in his office.

The Board discussed beginning the process of a public lands bill. Comm. Dalton stated that one approach would be to run a bill in cooperation with Iron County. A meeting will be set up in January, 2005 with the Iron County Commissioners to discuss the issue. The Millard County Commissioners will also be invited.

The claim against the County for an accident at the Fairgrounds was discussed. The Clerk will contact the County's insurance carrier and the claimant for additional information in order for a decision to be made.

It was moved by Comm. Whitney and seconded by Comm. Yardley to go into closed session. All voted in favor of the motion. The purpose to close the meeting was to discuss the character, professional competence, or the physical or mental health of an individual. Those present during the discussion were Comm. Dalton, Comm. Whitney, Comm. Yardley, Mr. Christiansen and Leo G. Kanell, Deputy County Attorney. The meeting was closed at 10:45 a.m. It was moved by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Whitney and unanimously approved to open the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Kanell discussed the results of the Trustee Sale on the Elk Meadows Resort. The sale took place this morning. The property was purchased by the bank that held a promissory note. The County holds a lien for delinquent property taxes and special improvement district fees. This was for information only.

The 2005 operating budget was discussed. Comm. Dalton asked Mr. Barton to present some recommendations for ways to cut the proposed budget. Mr. Barton stated that he has already made his recommendations but presented some additional ideas for the Board to consider, but he stated that he was not recommending them. The Board was uncomfortable with relying so heavily on "Fines & Forfeitures" revenue and did not want to use surplus funds. Comm. Whitney made the following recommendations: 1. Cancel all cellular phone allowances except for Public Safety; 2. Delete all travel budgets for elected officials, except Justice Courts, Attorney's Office, Assessor's Office and Public Safety (there was \$1,000 left in the budget for the use of the Commission Assistant); 3. Delete funding for the County Fair except leave a reasonable amount to maintain the Fairgrounds; 4. Cancel all county credit cards; 5. Sell the 2000 Impala and 1996 Stratus cars currently used for employee travel. The Board reviewed the budget in detail. Sheriff Ken Yardley and Lt. Keith Draper met with the Board to discuss the budget. It was decided to cut the appropriation in salaries and benefits for an employee that is on full-time military leave and reduce the appropriation of overtime pay by \$10,000.00. When the employee returns, the budget will be

adjusted to allow for the payment of salary and benefits. The funding for work on the Administrative Building air conditioner was deleted. The Internal Service expenditure in Courts of Record was deleted. Economic Development was set at \$70,000, down from \$100,000. After meeting with Maureen Verhaeren, adjustments were made in Information Technology and all new computer purchases were deleted. Ms. Verhaeren was told by Comm. Dalton that the Board was considering contracting out the computer support for the county. Comm. Whitney stated that he would be willing to find out the cost of a contract for that purpose. It was the consensus of the Board to use Restaurant Tax funds to pay the match on the Old Courthouse Project. The Board will approach the Tourism Tax Advisory Board for a request for funding. After these adjustments and several other smaller transfers between departments were made, it was moved by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Whitney and unanimously approved to set the 2005 operating budget at \$8,089,038.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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